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PARSHAS RE'EH

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" THE POLICE SPEAK TO THE NATION: WHO IS THE MAN WHO BUILT A NEW HOUSE AND HAS NOT YET STARTED TO LIVE IN IT, HE SHOULD GO AND RETURN TO HIS HOUSE, LEST HE DIE IN THE WAR AND ANOTHER MAN WILL LIVE IN IT" (Devarim 20:5)
דִּבְּרוּ הַשֹּׁטְרִים אֶל־הָעָם לֵאמֹר מִי־הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר בָּנָה בַיִת־חָדָשׁ וְלֹא חֲנָכוֹ יֵלֵךְ וְיָשָׁב לְבֵיתוֹ פֶּן־יָמוּת בַּמִּלְחָמָה וְאִישׁ אַחֵר יַחְנְכֶנּוּ׃

Rashi Adds: This Causes A Person Much Emotional Pain. Rabbi Chasman Commented On This That The Fact In Case He Dies In Battle And He Himself Will Not Live In The House He Built Is Not Strong Enough To Free Him From Serving In The Army. What Is? The Fact That Someone Else Will Live In His House. Even Though Rationally There Is No Difference To Him In Any Practical Way Whether Or Not Someone Else Lives There, Nevertheless Emotionally This Can Cause Great Pain.

Why Should It Bother Someone More Because Another Person Will Benefit From Labors When He Is Unable To Benefit Himself? Although That Is True And Comes From A Faulty Character Trait It Is Still True And The Nature Of People.

This Attitude Is So Natural And Strong That It Is Taken Into Account When The Morale Of The Army Is Concerned. This Attitude Causes Much Resentment And Pain In People's Lives." I Work So Hard, Why Should Others Gain When They Didn't Work As Hard As Me?" Someone Can Say To Himself. This Attitude Is So Easy To Say To One's Self.

The Elevated Attitude Is That Even If I Don't Benefit From My Work, I Am Glad Someone Else Is Gaining From It. This Is The Way Of A "Giver" And What He Will Say And Think. The Negative Attitude Causes Pain Whereas The Positive Attitude Gives Emotional Pleasure. Let Us Work On Mastering The Positive Attitude.

For This Week Whether It Is A Spouse, Child Or Community Member, Be Happy That You Are Benefiting Someone From The Hard Work And Labor You Put In Instead Of Feeling Taken Advantage Of.

Have A Fulfilling Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

Friday, August 7 – Erev Shabbos
Shacharis – 7:00 AM
Mincha – 6:45 PM
Early Candle Lighting – 7:03 PM
Regular Candle Lighting – 8:13 PM

Shabbos– Parshas Re'eh
Mevarchim HaChodesh August 8
Shacharis: 8:45 a.m.
Pirkei Avos: 7:20 p.m.
Mincha: 7:55 p.m.
Shabbos Ends: 9:21 p.m.

Sunday August 9
Shacharis: 8:45 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv: 8:15 p.m.

Monday–Thursday Aug 10-13
Shacharis: 7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv: 8:15 p.m.

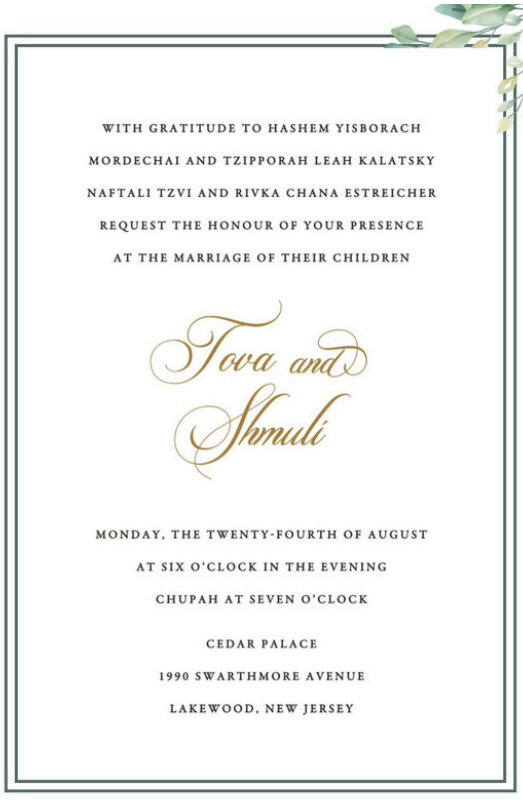
Thursday & Friday Rosh Chodesh Elul

Friday August 14 Rosh Chodesh Elul
Shacharis: 7:00 a.m.
Mincha: 6:40 p.m.
Earliest Candle Lighting: 6:54 p.m.
Regular Candle Lighting: 8:03 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KI kehila wants to welcome Rabbi Yaakov and Mrs. Faigy Scher who will be joing the Shul & coming in to town this Wednesday!

We wish them tremendous hatzlacha in their new position and for the future of our Shul!



Dear KI Members,

As part of our refreshed membership structure, we're excited to offer the option **to reserve a cubby in the coat area**. This benefit is included for Members who donate over $180/month ($2160/year).

For other members, this option is available on a first-come first-served basis for $50/month.

This program is designed to encourage increased membership participation and pledges, which is a core financial pillar of our Shul.

Kenesseth Israel

RELEVANT HALACHA SHAILOS-GIVEN BY THE RAV AFTER MINCHA ON SHABBOS DURING THE LEARNING SEDER TOPIC:

Dinim of Kasubah

HALACHA

Halachos of Coloring on Shabbos

On Shabbos, the melacha of Tzove'a (coloring) prohibits improving the appearance of an object through coloring. However, if a coloring ingredient is added to food or drink solely for flavor, it is permitted.

The purpose here is not to enhance appearance but to improve taste, so it does not fall under the prohibition of Tzove'a. For example, adding instant coffee or tea to water is allowed even though it changes the color of the liquid. This applies to both food and beverages.

Some poskim do make a distinction and hold that adding color to water is rabbinically prohibited because it resembles the making of paint, but even they agree it is permitted if the coloring ingredient is added first and then the water is poured in, since that does not resemble paint preparation.

Most poskim do not distinguish between water and other beverages and permit adding flavoring agents even if they color the liquid.

However, if the coloring is done for decorative purposes, such as coloring water in a decanter to serve as a centerpiece, it is prohibited, since that is purely for appearance. Similarly, if the coloring is added to make the food more visually appealing to a buyer, it is also not allowed.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is being Sponsored Anonymously

Shalosh seudos sponsorship still available

KI KID'S CORNER

SHIURIM

Wednesdays 9am - Chovos Halevovos-Rabbi Kalatsky

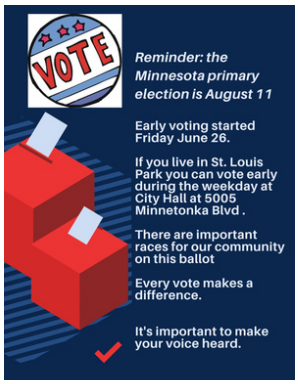
Shabbos 8:15am – Parenting-John Ghermezian

Shabbos- Pirkei Avos 35 minutes before Mincha

Shabbos-Relevant Halacha Shailos with Rabbi Kalatsky 10 minutes after mincha

Shabbos Daf Yomi – 50 minutes before Mincha Zevi Segal

Shabbos Nesivos Shalom - 50 minutes before Mincha



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